

# Tiverton Prevention Coalition

Minutes

March 16, 2015

**In Attendance:** Rebecca Elwell, Seena Franklin, Edith Borden, Susan Gill, John Mattson, Ed Parr, Sally Black, Chris O'Toole, Lisa Bamonte, Ray Davis, Jenni McNamee, Joe Runner, Liam Black

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January: motion SF/SG; unanimous
3. **Capacity building: Marijuana Edibles:** Rebecca presented power point presentation on edibles and issues related to "commercialization" of marijuana products.
4. **Membership Recruitment:** Establish Subcommittee: 3-5 volunteers are needed to work on a welcome packet for new members and to assist in developing a recruitment plan for new members. Volunteers are: Jennie, Susan, Seena, and Ray. Rebecca will ask Linda to join in as well. A meeting will be set for later in March.
5. **Reports:**
  - A. **Evaluation:** John distributed Coalition Member Survey with request that it be completed and returned in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.
  - B. **Dr. William White Scholarship:** Rebecca announced that \$1950 has been raised to support the Scholarship Applications for students to apply for scholarship will be available and are due back to the TPC by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were requested to read and score the applications. (Seena, Edith, and Jenni)
  - C. **Communications: O+P :** Ed distributed and reviewed the communication plan for the coming year.
  - D. **Youth Program Coordinator:** Jenni reported on recent and upcoming youth activities- specifically the Kick Butts Day Zombie Walk that she will be attending with a group of high school students on Wed, March 18. (paid for in part by recently received \$1500 Youth Tobacco Grant). Also reported on recent visit by THS alum Amanda Scanlon and her presentation to THS students about her work in Haiti. Starting in April, Jenni will be meeting with ATI students during the THS advisory block.
  - E. **Family Time:** \$10,000 mini-grant proposal was submitted to Newport County Fund to support TPC's Family Time activities. The proposal would support our partnership with Parents as Teachers and will initiate a Getting Ready for Kindergarten program for parents.
  - F. **Tiger Pride:** Rebecca reported that Tiger Pride student-athletes have been invited to participate in the Life of an Athlete program at Lake Placid this summer. The coalition can pay to send ten students and two staff members,

G. **Student Assistance:** Edith reported that many of the students that she meets with are experiencing an increase in anxiety as a result of the recent inclement weather.

H. **Health and Wellness:** Sally reported on the continue efforts to include kids in the work of the H+W committee. Tiv. Is one of the only school departments in the state to meet with students for feedback on the lunch program.

I. **OSPA/Attorney General's Workgroup:** Rebecca distributed the flier for the OSPA/Newport County Forum on April 27<sup>th</sup> (see attachment to email)

J. **Other Announcements:**  
Recreation Commission Updates will be added to next months agenda.

**Adjourn:** 11:00 (motion: JR/SG; unanimous)

**Next Meeting:** April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at THS conference room